

City of Hyattsville

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Minutes Public Hearing

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Monday, September 15, 2025

6:30 PM

Virtual

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

Robert S. Croslin, Mayor

Joseph Solomon, Council President, Ward 5

Kareem Redmond, Council Vice President, Ward 1

Joanne Waszczak, Ward 1

Greg Barnes, Ward 1

Danny Schaible, Ward 2

Emily Strab, Ward 2

Gopi Dhokai, Ward 3

Edouard Haba, Ward 4

Michelle Lee, Ward 4

Kelson Nisbett, Ward 5

ADMINISTRATION

Tracey E. Douglas, City Administrator

Laura Reams, Deputy City Administrator
Nate Groenendyk, City Clerk, 301-985-5001, cityclerk@hyattsville.org

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM.

PRESENT:

Councilmember Joanne Waszczak
Mayor Robert S. Croslin
Council President Joseph Solomon
Councilmember Greg Barnes
Councilmember Danny Schaible
Councilmember Emily Strab
Council Vice President Kareem Redmond
Councilmember Edouard Haba
Councilmember Michelle Lee
Councilmember Kelson Nisbett
Councilmember Gopi Dhokai

ABSENT:

Also Present:

City Administrator Tracey Douglas
Deputy City Administrator Laura Reams
Chief of Police Jarod Towers
Director of Community Services Sandra Shephard
Director of Human Resources Jay Joyner
City Clerk Nate Groenendyk
Deputy City Clerk Quianna Taylor

2. Presentations

2.a. Hyattsville Charter Amendment Resolution 2025-01: Removing the Requirement that Council Meetings Start at 8:00 PM & Occur Twice Monthly

For Discussion Only.

Sponsors: City Administrator

Department: Administration

Attachments: 2025- 01 Charter Amendment Resolution_Meeting Time 5.1.25 .2,

Hyattsville Charter Amendment 2025-01_Presentation

Deputy City Administrator Reams introduced the discussion to amend the charter regarding meeting start times and meeting requirements.

3. Public Comment Limit 2 minutes per speaker

- Daniel Broder (Ward 2) is in support of the charter amendment, citing that he thinks it will aid in transparency and allow more residents to participate in the meetings.
- Melissa Schweisguth (Ward 5) is in support of the charter amendment, but has concerns about reducing the meeting schedule to one meeting per month, which she thinks will hurt resident participation and transparency.
- Mr. Marshall (Ward 4) is opposed to the amendment to change the charter.

4. Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made by Council President Solomon, seconded by Councilmember Haba, that the meeting be adjourned at 6:43 PM.

The motion Passed by the following vote:

AYE: Councilmember Waszczak, Mayor Croslin, Council President Solomon, Councilmember Barnes, Councilmember Schaible, Councilmember Strab, Council Vice President Redmond, Councilmember Haba, Councilmember Lee, Councilmember Nisbett, Councilmember Dhokai

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: